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"Part 1st" "Chapter 1st. 1.

"Gentlemen.

"Having Selected for the Subject of My Thesis the foregoing title, & respectfully Submit it for your Consideration & without offering any further Comments upon the Treatise I shall proceed.

"The Art of Midwifery has advanced with Extreme Slowness during Centuries past. Compared with Some of the other branches in the Science of Medicine & Why! Not because it is of less importance! On the Contrary, There is no one of the seven branches ranks higher & Conduces more to the Welfare of the "Human" Race

"The practice of Midwifery among the "Hebrews, "Greek's & Romans was reduced in Some Measure, to Simply Cutting the "Umbilical "Cord & even at this

Period in Countries where imperfect Civiliza
tion reigns those who make it a Profession insp
ire so little Confidence in their Countrymen
that the Husband in Many Cases is Compelled
to become the Iconchcurl of his "Wife." Such unn
atural ideas have no doubt long Ceased to
Exist! at least in the More Enlightened portions
of the World. "During the last Century or two in
this branch Some very rapid Strides have been
made & accomplished. Not only on the Continent of
Europe but likewise to a great Extent in this
Country until at this present time it Stands
Second to No one of its Sister Sciences unless it be
the New law of Cure. "Similia Similibus Curantor"
which has Shaken the old Structure Consuming the
Vast period of More than two thousand years to its
very foundation will Continue Still So to do until
their unnatural theories Misapplied by them
is swept from the face of the Civilized world the aim
of Homoeopathy as a principle is unerring its
Success therefore is based upon Natural laws.

"However it would not be right for me to infer that every thing has been done & that no further improvements or advances can be made; The Science of Obstetrics ought to & no doubt will follow the movements of the age & advance "if it would not retreat." Says one of our greatest American authors! "It seems to me that it May be defined the ensemble of Knowledge relative to the reproduction of the Human Race." By studying it under this great & Philosophical View & by banishing the ridiculous & vulgar prejudice that it is impossible to become both a Skilfull Accoucheur & an able Physician at the same time, We shall be Successfull in establishing it on a basis worthy of the Subject—. Many treatises have been written on Obstetrics the most prominant & popular of which are "Churchill by Condie "Deveese "Burns." "Baudelocque. "Ramsbotham "Meigs. "Velpeau by Harris, &c. "The French term it Obstetrique," The English Midwifery." In this Country both terms are used.

It is derived from the Latin word Obstetrix (a Mid wife) from the Greek word Τοκος (or Child Birth)

Chapter 3rd

The Continental universities took the lead in enrolling Midwifery among their obligatory Studies & many of the English institutions of a Similar Nature have Slowly adopted their Example. It Cannot be avoid of interest Nor Can it be Necessary to enforce by reasoning the propriety of the regulations they have adopted but whatever Circumstances may have impelled them to Such decissions, are worthy of being recorded. "During the year 1826 a Society was established in London was Composed of about 30 Members embracing with but 2 or 3 Exceptions all the then present professors on Midwifery in London. including a few other prominent practicioners & the body was Known under the title of the "Obstetrical Society of London, their object was

to place on a better footing this branch than it hitherto had enjoyed; Propositions were Made to accomplish this end by inducing the "College of Physicians & Surgeons & Society of Apothecaries not only to make this Science the Subject of Study & Strict Examinations but to oblige all Candidates who offered themselves for a Diploma to adduce testimonials of having applied themselves to this branch. "a lengthy Correspondence followed between the Society & Secretary of the Home Department, as also with the "London Medical Corporation;" "Sir Robert Peel who was then at the head of the "Home "Office entered warmly into the debate, "He honoured a deputation with an interview, put himself in Communication with the "Medical "Societies on this Subject Memorials were addressed to him the permitted a greater portion of the Correspondence which passed between the Secretary & Society to be

transmitted through his office, "All the objects which the Society proposed have since been carried into effect" except a change in the Constitution of the College of Surgeons, thus to the perseverence of a few members of the profession may be justly attributed the adoption of measures fraught with the highest possible good to the Community at large inasmuch as they tend to enhance the acquirements of a great Mass of English writers & practitioners.

"Chapter 4th"

This branch of Medicine has had far greater disadvantages to labour under than any other of the Sciences for both prejudice & Ignorance have lent their aid towards retarding its Progress. "on the one hand it has had to Contend with natural prejudices which the females themselves feel & entertain against admitting

one of the opposite Sex to undertake the duties required of him during the trying & Critical period of labour. on the other hand the erroneous belief that parturition being a Natural product Must be accomplished in Women with the same facility & equal Safety as in the Animal Creation; arguments of Strength & Sufficient in Number Could be produced to prove the fallacy of Such an assumption but they are foreign to our immediate purpose. & although a change has been to some Extent produced! the prejudices which Existed in the female mind has Now happily for them given way to a Sense of the Security they possess the advantage of by placing themselves under the Guidance of responsible & well Educated Surgeons.

Chapter 5th

I now propose drawing a few Comparisons, between the old & New Schools not Confining — myself to any particular branch but merely to prove the Consistancy & feasibility of the new law on the one side & the fallacy & injudicious doctrines of the old School on the other. To an intelligent comprehensive & unbiassed mind the subject will at once present itself; which of the Systems are most Natural & in Conformity with Common Sense judgement & Reason, I boldly assert that Homoeopathy has proven herself far Superior! not in one but in all respects, to her grim visaged & time honoured opponent "Allopathy." In its earlier days the Pioneers of "Homoeopathy were Compelled to Meet (Many of them) at Certain — named places Semi "annually for the purpose of Consulting with each other! & changing their — thoughts & ideas, Bravely did that little band wrestle out this fierce Storms Contending for their rights

against & coping with an enemy of untold. numbers
bitter oppositions; that twere madness indeed to.
think of success," gradually has she advanced —
with a firm tread meeting her opponents one after
the other gaining victory after victory, thus establis
hing her superiority until at this present time
she stands out in bold Relief before the World ask
ing favors of No Sect or party an able Competitor
for the Race. "Contrast now the difference; but bef
ore going further let me add although "Allopathy
possesses more Votaries (as I previously inferred), on
account of its Antiquity Still this fact staring us
in the face we are Content to give them all
due Credit." Notwithstanding however the many
Erroneous theories which our Allopathic Brethern
have promulgated & adopted, "Still many usefull
hints, valuable Suggestions are to be derived there
from. "The Ancients were by No means inferior
to the Moderns. Nor Should posterity detract

from their fame or undervalue their labours. for when we take into Consideration the many disadvantages they had to Contend against we should but admire their untiring perseverance industry frankly admitting with no little astonishment the amount of real truth discovered by them. "Jo. "Hahnemann belongs the introduction of the new law (as it is termed) of cure "Similia, Still long ere his time as early as the 16th Century Paracelsus Suggested Similar therapeutical principles! "He however entertained erroneous ideas respecting "Pathology. "Physiology the Specific actions of Medicines which no doubt had a tendency to prevent the practical developement of the Magnificent idea which his mind Conceived. "Cotemporary with "Hoffman about the middle of the 17th Century was "Stahl, he too Conceived the brilliant idea recognized distinctly the truth pointed out the many advantages of.

Similia over the then universal law of Cure "Contraria both of these men were possessors of gigantic intellect of the highest order! "Had they adopted "Hahnemanns" method Homoeopathy would long since have shed its blessings, — upon Suffering humanity & mankind in general would long ere this be reaping its benefits as did the "Grecians of old from their fellow Countryman "Herodicus {who was the inventor introducer of Gymnastic Sports & Exercises} to him was "Greece indebted for the superior Culture Physically & mentally which her Sons enjoyed & & which conduced so materially to her glory;" Now be it our aim & duty likewise to emulate the practice of those truly wise men in this Now increasing but yet unappreciated branch of Education — thus perfecting the development & Strength of body & mind according to the dictates of Nature. "Securing to Mankind more uninterrupted health to a greater degree of intellectual power.

Chapter 6th

& Now to the point. "1st "Alopathy. "It is a hard thing at the present to give an accurate definition of the term." The axiom adopted by Disciples of Alopathic Schools upon which their Hypothetical doctrines are founded is "Contraria "Contrariis "Curantor & although distinctions are recognized between the Antipathic or palliative, the "Alopathic or "Heteropathic & the "Chemical methods of practice Still in point of fact they all may be with propriety resolved into one & the same thing. (School) all employ "Venesection!" "Emetics!" "Purgatives! "Diaphoretics & Alteratives,! to reduce inflammation! "Opium to allay pain & suppress unnatural discharges!" "Bark!" "Iron!" Brandy &c as Tonics! "Blisters!" "Setons!" "Moxas! "Issues!" "Escharotics to produce "Counter "Irritation!" "Revulsives!" "Derivatives! indeed all those termed "Alopathic." "They do Not however uniformly adhere to any of the above doctrines but often inconsistantly & perhaps

unconciously encroach upon "Homoeopathic ground
by practicing according to the law of "Similia
effect their Safest & Speediest Cures. "For instance
Excessive doses of alcoholic drinks or opiates —
often induce "Mania à Potu, yet opium & Bran
dy {which Excuse the same effect} upon the System
& Brain are the principle "Allopathic remedies. —
"Ipecac is the most Common Emetic of old the Scho
ol! yet this same remedy is used by them Const
antly in Cases of obstinate Nausea & vomiting. "This
remedy likewise Causes "Asthma "Dyspnoea &c,
yet it is a Common remedy for the Cure of —
these Complaints. "Sir Astley Cooper asserts that
Children often Contract Syphilis in utero in
24 Hours after their entrance into the world
have the palms of their hands & soles of their feet
& Nates Covered with Copper Coloured Spots! "The
Nails Commence to peel off if Care be Not taken
the little one Sinks under the effects of the —

disease. In such Cases by giving the Mother mercury the influence of it will be Conveyed through the Medium of the Mothers Milk to the Child it then becomes Cured! "Will Any Alopathic Chemist undertake to estimate the Minuteness of that dose! or will Any" Alopathic "Physician Contradict the assertion. "That the Mercury in this instance is attenuated in the Mothers Milk to a very great extent is a fact beyond doubt probably to such a degree. that no Analysis Can detect it Nor Any Scales weigh it. & yet "Sir Astley assures us that the infinitesimal dose of Mercury which finds its way through the Mothers Milk is sufficient to produce a Cure upon the Child. "These Numerous other facts Could be adduced to prove the Superiority of Homoeopathy {& the Manner in which they steal our thunder,}. "Says "Pereira!" It Can hardly be imagined that irritation of the Stomach Can be Removed by a Substance which is in itself an irritant

yet that Same Writer prescribed "Prussic Acid to a Lady Suffering from Gastrodynia, in a few hours to the astonishment of all his friends she was quite well." Yet they all affect a Superlative Contempt for the law of "Similia." These Same principles direct the Practicioners of the old School in the treatment of many other diseases. "Still" they sneer at "Homoeopathy hold up their own inconsistant & Uncertain doctrins as "Philosophical & Correct." "Gentlemen of the old School your practice too often belies your profession you pretend to be "Allopaths & "Antipaths & yet you frequently administer Medicines after the "Homoeopathic law instead of abiding by the theoretical doctrins given to you from dark & rude ages! "Where is your Pride & Consistancy! "You boast of your Antiquity! Pay reverence to "Hippocrates & "Galen! Disdain innovations & despise New discoveries & improvements! "You have withstood the Changes of More than Two thousand years by your power have Endeavoured to Crush in

the bud every advancement in Medical Knowledge
"Why is it" you practically abandon your time honoured
Sacred Maxim. "Contraria" & adopt the New —
Heresy "Similia." Beware then Most Ancient
Goddess & Giant Survivor of all thine Early Cotem
poraries of Alchemy & Astrology lest thou fall &
thy doctrines handed down through dark Ages
& juggling Temples of Idolatrous Priests be Con
sumed in the deluge of New facts & discoveries
which the Coming Century is pouring upon the
World

Chapter 7th

"2nd. Homoeopathy resorts to a different —
Mode in her remedial Measures. She uses No Unn
atural Violence Nor otherwise. Seriously disarra
nges the functions of any organ. "Her remedies are
administered with a definite object to a partic
ular organ, or Region upon which this or that
Remedy has an influence the affected organ or
tissue is acted upon with Mathematical

precision & that too without creating in other sound & healthy parts any disease whatever or producing a Complication of affections! The administers her remedies in infinitesimal doses. Now the question naturally arises & presents itself are such small & minute quantities of matter capable of producing impressions favourable or unfavourable upon the System while labouring under disease! " Will any one deny that the Human body is being acted upon during health & Constantly disturbed by agents & influences so minute & subtle that neither the Chemist nor Physiologist can detect or Analyze them." The simple application of a substance to the surface of the body is in itself sufficient to produce a decided & permanent affection. " It is said that the 1/100 part of a grain of Aconite made into an ointment & rubbed upon the skin will produce more or less a sense of heat & pricklings! The medicinal properties of "Cod" Liver" Oil" Consists of an

Infinetesimal dose of "Phosphe" Iodine distributed throughout the oil!" according to Analysis the Iodine forms the 1/40.000 part of it which Signifies Nothing more or less than a Homeopathic dose, "It requires but the most minute quantity of a Natural poison of certain animals viz "Hydrophobia." Syphilis or "Small" Pox when placed in Contact with an abraded Surface or otherwise introduced into the System to produce Corresponding Maladies!" "Other diseases may be engendered by a mere touch or inhalation of an infected person such as "Leprosy!" Scabies etc. "Let it be remembered & borne in Mind that most Substances in the organic or inorganic Kingdom possess Certain active principles which are latent & imperceptible in a Natural State which are called forth & developed by the influences of some agent or process thus producing a transformation of the Crude Substance, "for Example!" The Kernals of "Plums!" "Peaches!" Bitter "Almonds etc are Known to possess in a latent,

condition. an active & corrosive poison. known as "Prussic" Acid. which by a Chemical process may be obtained & extracted from them. "Opium Contains but a very small per Cent of Narcotic principle! "Morphia." "A Single grain of Matter may be triturated & made to pervade each & every part of 100 grains of "Sach" Sac, & each particle or Atom minutely Separated thus retaining its power of influencing a specific action upon the organism. "This law is both applicable to animate & inanimate matter under Certain Circumstances." "For instance a Nucleus once formed in the Mineral Kingdom (as well as the Vegetable) possesses the power of attracting to itself in a uniform & regular way all particles near to it. (That is provided an affinity exists) & these particles in turn possess their own peculiar action & so on "ad" infinitum. "The 1000 part of a grain of Morbid or Natural poison is Capable of producing its own peculiar Toxicological effect upon the

System. or at least those parts Susceptible to its influence as well as a Much larger dose or Quantity!" Then why Cannot an atom of Medicine. be lik[e]wise absorbed into the System. brought into Contact with a diseased organ or tissue upon which it Exercises a Specific Effect & communicates to the Surrounding parts until the whole Structure becomes involved, thus should the remedy prove Homoeopathic to the disease it will beyond a doubt Supercede the primary affection." Prevost! "Dumas & others have proved that if 3 grains of the fecundating substance of a Frog, be. dissolved. in 1 lb. of water a Single drop still Contains. the power to vivify thousands of Eggs Simply by Contact & yet this Globule of water Contains. Nearly the 3 billionth part of a grain." Again! "The ten thousandth part of Chloroform may be detected in the blood by Converting it at a red heat into "Chlorine & "Hydrochloric acid." All bodies says Bischoff

by Contact with each other act as Electrics without necessarily undergoing a Chemical Change therefore when a Medicine be applied to the organism its action is Electrical "Müller asserts that the more Matters are made Soluble divided & prepared for Entering into Combination with the organic tissues the more easily are they absorbed." Therefore in proportion as the susceptibilities of the System are increased or predisposed to Morbific influences in the same ratio will the alterative action of remedial agents be felt in a Corresponding Manner. "Many agents which Control powerfully in Certain abnormal States in Certain quantities both locally & Sympathetically may be perfectly inert in a natural state of the same organs take for instance "Arsenic" Iodine &c when administered into the system in small doses & frequently repeated often bring about a cure of the most formidable & Obstinate diseases while on the

other hand. Similar doses may not manifest the slightest action upon the System or any part of it while in a state of health. this of course depends more or less upon the susceptibilities of the parts to the action of that particular Remedy, for instance. "Ipecac in ⅛ grain doses effects no influence or produces any change upon the Respiratory Muscles or Stomach.!" yet the influence is visible upon the Skin, "In Still Smaller doses. No effect will be produced upon the Stomach "Lungs or "Skin. Still it is capable of influencing the Sentient nerve filaments therefore it does not necessarily follow that because "Sweating.!" "Purging!" + Vomiting does not take place that a Medicine has had no effect or action.

"Chapter 8th"

"The Cohesion of particles. May be formed transformation may be effected but let it be remembered. that not one atom, in the whole universe can be annihilated." An Alopath. employs his drugs in a crude State & consequently inactive form! While the Homoeopath. Makes use of only the pure essential principles unencumbered by foreign matters. "Again" The Remedies of Alopathy are offensive to the taste & Nauseous to the Stomach & by their irritating & undigestible effect produce gastric & intestinal. derangements. including other Serious. Medicinal or Drug Symptoms." The Homoeopathic Medicines produce No Such injurious effects, the attenuated remedies are innocuous to the Lacteals & absorbants & are readily admitted into the Circulation thus Conveyed through the Medium of the blood to the parts upon which they excite a Specific action thus influencing directly the parts. deranged or diseased." Says. Martin Payne. No.

Substances but such as exist in a fluid or attenuated State can be taken into the Absorbants Lacteals. " Dr Forbes (the modern Celsus as he is termed) asserts that in a large proportion of Cases treated by Alopaths the disease is cured by Nature even in Spite of them. In other words their interference of opposing instead of assisting Nature. The following are a few of the Numerous Confessions Expounded by old School Physicians & Many of them their very best Authorities. "Sir Astley Cooper one of the best Surgeons the World has ever produced & whom I have quoted in a former Chapter, asserts, "That the Science of Medicine was founded on Conjectures improved by Murder. "Abernethy a Celebrated English Practicioner likewise Says "There has been a great Number of Medical Men of late years but upon My word diseases have increased in proportion.

"Dr. Dickson of Some Celebrity remarks. "as far as My Experience goes in Medical Matters few people are permitted to die of disease. The Orthodox fashion is to die of the doctors." Sir Wm Temple Says. "The Alopathic Medical Men, as a body in England may be likened unto the British Army in "Caesars time Some of them Stay in Chariots & others on foot Of the Infantry do less Execution, than the Charioteers it is because they Cannot be Carried So Soon to all quarters of the Town, & dispatch So much business in So short a time. "Dr "Paris "Says. "The file of Every Apothecary would furnish a Volumne of instances, where the ingredients of the Prescription were fighting in the dark." Prof Wide Rind, an opponent of Homoeopathy, asserts that "In our present Mixture Practice we may get Grey if God pleases white Hair, but never Experience." If however Homoeopathy induces us to give less Medicine; change it less frequently. Not to Mix drugs together, we may Some

. day with Careful observations glory in Medical
Experience. which we unhappily Cannot do at
present (Hufelands Journal for 1828) Drs Combe
& Adam. Smith. both Confess to the same purp
ose. viz "The great Success of Quacks in England
has been altogether owing to the real Quackery
of the regular Physicians. Now. I would frankly
ask our unbelieving Allopathic Brethren. Who are these
men that speak thus. Surely. Authorities like these, Can
not be doubted & if doubted what have you to fall
back upon." Have they Not been men of Intellect.—
education & Experience! Do they speak from any Sel
fish motive! Was it their aim to favour Homoeopathy
. I answer "No! It was because Experience & their
Conscience. proved & dictated to them. that the
Cause. they had Espoused. was false & unreliable
. No doubt feeling it to be their Sacred duty intended
those sayings to act as Beacon lights & Land Marks for
(to prevent them) others from. Striking upon. those dark & danger
ous shoals." Listen to what Dr Brown says. "20
years. I have taught & diligently Scrutinized
every part of medicine (Allopathic) That 20 years
to me. has been so much time wasted.

"Part — 2nd

"Chapter 9th

"The female during Pregnancy is Subjected & predisposed to many derangements & diseases among which are affections of the "Head — "Stomach, "Chest. "Liver, "Bowels &c. "The first thing however to be taken into Consideration is the — Hygiene or Diet. "From the time she first suspects Pregnancy every thing in the Shape of tight lacing Such as "Stays. "Belts. "Corsets &c Should be entirely abolished (at least for the time being) for it is injurious to both Mother & child. & May be the means of producing "Abortion! "Engender diseases of the Uterus. "Heart. "Lungs. Brain & Not unfrequently. Tumors. "Hydrocephalus of the Child or otherwise sin many ways deranging the Organism. "By paying proper regard to these Matters & following the rules laid down, a much Easier labour will be the result. "there will be fewer difficulties to Contend against & much pain prevented. Sufferings alleviated, & a happier termination in Every respect

"The Contrary will be the result with those who disregard these injunctions. "The diet should ~~should~~ be such as will afford Nourishment to both Mother & Child. " that Sympathy exists between the Uterus & Stomach is undoubtedly a fact to a very great extent." Meats boiled roasted farinaceous vegetables the ripe fruits of the Season in Suitable proportions Constitute the best Aliment pure water the best drink. "Spices— "Wines. & "Stimulents of all Kinds! especially Coffee should be Strictly prohibited. "Open air & Exercise are also very Necessary during this period.— "as Regards baths! they should Not be repeated too often. Sufficient only for Cleanliness. Often during the 3rd Month. the patient is troubled with Nausea this Complaint under Allopathic treatment— would be met & treated by "Venesection & "Sedatives; "Heroic treatment as it is termed! Whereas in Homoeopathy a few doses of Aconite will dissipate & put to flight any such Abnormal Conditions

If Congestion of the Head be present give Bell. a if accompanied with or Caused by Gastric derangements give Nux. Vomica! but likewise pay a proper regard to the diet for this is in the majority of such Cases the primary Cause. If the patient Suffer from Slight dyspeptic attacks a few tea Spoons full of old pure Wine has been highly recommended! If Congestion occur during Labour Arnica is indicated. In Chronic Cases give Sepia & Sulph in alternation.

Diarrhoea

This Complaint in Pregnant Women Should be very Carefully attended to because it frequently readily produces abortion; The diet in this Case is the main feature! Light Nourishing food only should be given in Small quantities, Repose & quietness is highly Essential. If the Stools be slimy watery attended with Colic! a taste in the Mouth as of decayed Eggs. Pale

If brought on by Cold with green or yellow stools like beaten Eggs & accompanied with Colic give Dulcamara. "For bilious vomiting attended with acute pains in the Stomach! Tympanitis & discharges of flatus give "Cham, "For Chronic diarrhoea give "Phos & China "When the Colic of diarrhoea (or in fact any kind of Colic) is relieved by walking about. "Colye & Coco

"Odontalgia

"This is a common & frequent disorder accompanying Pregnancy & while it lasts is one of the most — painful. "In Some Cases; especially at this period, the teeth become very brittle & crumble to pieces during Mastication of merely ordinary food. this State of affairs however occurs generally during the latter years of Pregnancy (rarely if ever in the early) Consequently Nothing can be done of any avail. "If the pains in Odontalgia be excited

by Cold or Mental labour & diminished by Warmth. give "Nux. "If from determination of blood to the Head & Congestion give "Bell, "If from Nervous derangements the patient has lost much rest "Opium & "Ignatia, "Should the patient be troubled with fainting fits! produced as it is often by tight lacing "Acon & "Arnica. "If feeble Melancholy & disposed to weep. "Ignatia! but if on the Contrary of a gay & lively disposition "Cham. "Palpitation of the Heart will Generally be relieved by "Puls, especially in a Plethoric temperament! "If from an organic Cause Sulph! "Acon! or Digitalis, "Each according to their Characteristic Symptoms. "Pain in the Breasts & Abdomen will often be relieved by "Bry, "if there be No Swelling! but on the Contrary if there be tumefaction & Erysipelatous Redness & the surface presenting a Glossy & shining appearance. Bell will be indicated. & in Some Cases "Hepar "Sulph. "Towards the latter

Months of pregnancy the Patient experiences Stitches under the false Ribs, "in Such Cases give Nux. or Puls. "The patient is often subject to Moral impressions. Should fright be the Cause. give "Opium! "If from accident "Acon! "from Sudden joy "Coffea.! when from Anger "Cham or "Bry.! Nux or Ignatia.

"Chapter 10th"

"Convulsions"

"This derangement so much to be dreaded at any time but particularly so during Pregnancy, "Is likewise Capable of producing Abortion. Here again the Allopaths recommend "Venesection that abominable slow murdering Criminal process; It is still practiced to Some extent. Much of it has however been abolished. "This very treatment itself not unfrequently produces abortion! "the identical state of affairs they pretend to say it prevents; Does Not such treatment belie

the intention! It was said by Hippocrates that the Woman who bled at the Nose would abort! I do not mean to assert that in a Case like this abortion would necessarily follow, but there is no doubt that blood letting tends directly to the destruction of the Foetus. "Some of the other predisposing Causes to Convulsions are Excessive fatigue Anxiety &c. "The premonitory Symptoms are. pain in the Head. fullness double vision giddiness &c! "In Many Cases they are ushered in without any premonitory Symptoms. "When brought on by Venesection give "Hyos.! Bell. & "Ipecac!" in Some Cases Coffea Secale will be found beneficial

"Abortion.

"The Causes of this deplorable Malady. May be classed under two Heads. "1st Those which Iserate on the Placenta by Separating it from its uterine or Maternal attachment

"2nd Those which operate on the Foetus.

"The period at which Abortion is most likely to occur is from the 3rd to the 4th Month's.

"Should it take place previous to the 3rd Month then the whole mass (Foetus & Placenta) comes away at once! but if on the Contrary it takes place after the 3rd Month the foetal mass comes first & the Placenta afterwards. it is then denominated "Premature "Labour The most prominent Symptoms of threatening abortion are Pains in the lumber regions Extending down the thighs. Slight at first then becoming Periodical (More Severe) A Sensation of langour & debility following which is a discharge from the Vagina Mixed with blood. In many Cases abortion may be prevented by a timely & proper treatment. "When a woman has once aborted she will be More or less predisposed to it ever afterwards unless the proper means be adopted to prevent it. "The

following are Some of the Remedies & their indications. "When there is a Congested State of the vessels accompanied with fulness & throbbing in the Head give. "Bell. & Calcaria in alternation, "If Hemorrhage occur previous to Abortion give. "Secale & Sabina. "When there is an abundant Leucorrhoea accompanied with Melancholly Sepia & Puls in alternation will be found to prove very efficacious. "The Condition of the Patient will be very much influenced by the State of her Mind; Therefore remove as far as possible all predisposing Causes

"Hemorrhoids.

"Many persons are predisposed to this affection; More So particularly the Female during & after Pregnancy. Constipation is the most Common Cause! Or it may be Hereditary. "If there are Stitches present accompanied with pressure

at the Anus! or Bleeding Piles with Tension & Colicky pains – Aconite." For Blind Piles! Especially when brought on by Sedentary habits or frequent Constipations with discharges of blood & Mucous give "Nux & Sulph, If Nux be Not Successful alternate it with Sulph, "these two remedies are likewise useful to ward off predispositions to Haemorrhoids – Sulph particularly So.

"Metrorrhagia"

"Floodings or Hemorrhages occasionally take place during & after Pregnancy. "Among the many Causes may be mentioned Mechanical injuries." A false Step!" "a blow on or about the parts"!" "a Strain &c from Muscular Efforts. "The Most prominent Symptoms are" Violent pains & pressure towards the fundament of the Uterus with Chills & general Coldness! At the same time heat lassitude

Ringing & Giddiness in the "Head &c. "If from Mechanical injuries of any kind-Arnica is the first & most important Remedy. "If there be Labour pains present. Give "Cham "When the blood is of a dark red Hue with pains in the back "Head & Temples. "Bry or "Bell.. "When there is a sensation of weight in the Head "drowsiness, "Vertigo! "Cold limbs "pale "face "twitching of the whole body & Subsultus Tend inum "China is indicated but particularly is this the Case when the blood flows in Gushes with Spasms & pains in the uterus. "When the blood is black & liquid, "Secale, "Should these Remedies Not prove Successful. "frictions! Cold water & as a dernier Resort the "Tampon Must be made use of.

"At different periods during the latter Months of Pregnancy the patient Experiences (in many Cases) Sudden pains somewhat similar to those of "Labour." To distinguish between these true pains can only be Satisfactorily ascertained by an Examination, "the Neck of the Uterus remains Rigid & undilated during their presence, in the generality of these Cases Puls will afford relief. "If Constipation be present Nux is indicated. "If there be heaviness & giddiness in the Head Especially on Stooping - Aconite. "Incontinence of Urine often is present, in Such Cases give "Acon!" "Puls or Sepia!" Sometimes Nux & Camph. act promptly & effectually.

"Oedema of the Extremities is Not an unfrequent occurrance particularly on or about the 6th or 7th Month." Bry! Sulph 1as will generally afford relief. "Cramps Come on Sometimes during the day, but Most frequently

at Night for which Give "Ferat "Nux & Sometimes Sulph." Syncope likewise frequently Makes its Appearance but Generally at the time of Conception. "Cham. or Nux ordinarily Suffices. "Ischuria is another one of the attending & accompanying derangements during as well as after Pregnancy. "Puls! Cham. or Nux will invariably afford Some relief. "Sleeplessness will generally yield to "Coffea "Cham or "Sulphr

Labour 1st Stage

Part 3rd Chapter 11th

In order to facilitate the Expulsion of the Foetus after it has arrived at the Stage of Maturity there are 4 important points to be observed. "1st "That the "Os "Uteri is properly dilated to admit the Uterine Contents "2nd That the Muscular Contractions of the Uterus "Diaphragm & Abdominal Muscles perform Each their

respective functions. 3rd That there Exists No obstruction in the Vaginal passage + 4th That the Foetus be of proportionate Size to the passage + that the Corresponding diameters of the Foetal Head & Pelvis Agree. "In the first instance if the Os does Not perform its office properly this Emergency Must be Met with appropriate Remedies, "Each according to its respective indications. for Example when there is rigidity of the "Os it will Not dilate. or if a favourable point does Not present. "Pulsatilla. "If the "Os Continues hard + pains are Notwithstanding present Give "Bell. "If the Membranes do Not rupture. after the administration of Pulsatilla the Accoucheur Must then perform that Office himself which is done in the following Manner Pick the Nail of the Index finger of either the Right or left hand (According to Circumstances) Similar to the teeth of a Saw + then upon introducing the

Finger. by using a Gentle Sawing Motion on the Membrane it generally yields & the waters are discharged; "this in the majority of Cases. Completes the first stage of Labour & the Childs Head will be found Midway betwixt the "Sup & "Inferior Straits. the line of division being the "Linea "Illio "Pectineal "Ridge. "On or about this stage Cramps often make their appearance in the Calves of the legs! feet & thighs! for which give "Secale & Bell. "Secale however is a Medicine which requires great Care & judgement in administering. (More Especially is this the Case during labour;) "Thus it is why Many old School "Writers & practicioners have been Compelled to abandon it. the Reason is a very Simple one, "they use it in Such Mass ive doses that in Many Cases it proves fatal to either Mother or Child; Not unfrequently to both. Numerous Cases have been recorded

in which partial & Complete rupture of the Perineum has followed after the administration of massive doses of Ergot. "It is an undisputed fact that the Ergot of Rye possesses great influnces over the Uterine Organs. the following is an account I have seen recorded & it goes to prove how dreadful are the Effects when improperly used. "An Idopathic Physician was called to a Case of Labour which promised to be a very tedious one. thereupon he prescribed ½ an oz of the Ergot at one dose. the Consequence was a great Uterine action was produced & labour was Completed in a very short time "but alas how sad what a Sacrifice!" a Complete Rupture of the Perineum took place! "the Child when born was Stiff & dead. "The Mother soon afterwards Committed Suicide. "Can a Man possess any Conscience who is so utterly void of Reason & Regardless of the

dreadful. Consequences which he. Certainly
ought to have Known would Ensue under
such treatment if So what Must be the
Effects Naturally following Such a lamend
able & truly dreadful result. More So Espec
ially is this the Case when the truth of
Natures own law is Constantly Staring him
in the face. & being demonstrated in one
Shape or another to him day after day! But
No! prejudice lends its aid on the one hand
& Ignorance on the other thus preventing him
from investigating the law of Similia or
granting it a trial. "He Says thus to himself
. My forefathers did likewise; why Not I.
"Surely it Must be right". "Such a deplorable
& degenerating State of Mind is More to be pit
ied than despised. Especially in an intellig
ent & educated Community, In Ancient
times it was a Custom among the Greeks
& Romans to Compel Every Man styling

himself a Surgeon to first test his Medicines on himself before being allowed to administer them to patients & Not even then in many Cases; until Sanctioned by Some Notable Physician! Yes such were the prejudices Existing at that time against Surgery (upon its introduction). So Against "Vaccination! "Ligating of Arteries!" Introduction of Steam by Newton & Numerous other in fact all. New Theories; & Should Homoeopathy escape. "No! She too Must Contend & have her Advocates & adversaries & Phoenix like she will Continue to rise from the ashes of her Cotemporaries. thus Multiplying from time to time, Shedding her bountenus blessings upon Suffering humanity. until it shall be Known as a universal law of Cure, then & Not until then will the world Know her worth & duly ~~appreciate~~ appreciate it. Allopathy will then be

Numbered among the things that were.
"Although Homeopathy has wrought
many good & healthful changes. Still there
remains much for her to do. which if
properly executed, there is no doubt of
success." As I previously remarked were
he (the Physician before alluded to) to be
the victim. a far different state of affairs
would result. "Let us here pause and
ourselves the Question. Cannot that Phys-
ician be Criminally censured & can our
practice place us under such Condemnation
& how to our former Subject, "should the pains
after proceeding regularly for some time,
"suddenly stop & give place (without an app-
arent Cause) to heaviness drowsiness trem-
bling of the limbs. Give "Opium." "If the pains
be present but inefficacious & the patient is
Nervous- Aconite is indicated but if accom-
panied with anxiety Melancholy & Nervous

Agitation give Cham or Ignatia. If on the Contrary an opposite state of affairs exist such as Anger impatience & desire to go to Stool — Nux is indicated. Should these 3 last named Remedies prove unsuccessful recourse must be had to "Bell" "If there be a disposition on the part of the patient to faint give Nux. "If however it is produced by palpitation of the Heart with Congestion give Aconite. "If the fainting proceed from internal Hemorrhage (as it often is) & the prominent Symptoms be present then Puls & "Secale — Again Come into play & Should be given Singly or if Necessary in alternation. Every 5 Minutes.

Chapter 12th.

Labour. Stage. 2nd.

During this Stage greater care & judgement is required on the Accoucheurs part, than in the first; It is during this Stage that a Rupture is liable to take place. Consequently it is the Physicians duty to Support the Perinæum properly & prevent if possible any accident of that description. This dreadful misfortune upon which I have discanted at some length in the previous Chapter occurs as a general rule more frequently during first Confinements; It may however, be produced by other Means & in other ways than Excessive doses of the Ergot: Vz. a Monster Foetus; Or a Neglect on part of the Accoucheur to Support the Perinæum during the Exit into the World of the Foetal Head & Shoulders. — Suppose for instance, an accident of this Kind, to have taken place. In the old School their only & dernier resource is a Surgical Operation & that seldom, indeed proves Successful. There is a Case

recorded which occurred in this City during the professional Career of "Dr." Horner then professor of *Surgery in the University of Penn^a the doctor was called in to Operate, after performing two or three Operations the attempt proved futile, unsuccessful; "The rupture took place in a young Married lady during her first Accouchment & the Cause however was Not made known; "The Consequences accruing in Case of failure are truly lamentable; "The Patient is Compelled to live Secluded from the world & drag out a Miserable Existance, disgusting Not only to herself but to her dearest friends & Relatives. "An accumulation of the Excrements of the Body Collect in & about the parts producing Constantly a Stench unendurable, the patient Not possessing any Control over her Bladder & Rectum Involuntary discharges follow it May truly be Said "The Effect is worse than the Cause. "Here again the Superiority of Homoeopathy

*"Anatomy instead of Surgery

Stands out in bold relief & Reigns Supreme.
"By observing the following Simple directions
A Safe & Speedy Cure Can be guaranteed.
"As Soon as posible after the accident
Cleanse the parts & Patient thave her put
to bed, "Wash the parts & edges of the Wound
with dilute "Arnica" Tincture. then proceed
to Coaptate the Edges of the laceration &
Cover the parts with Compresses Saturated —
with the Pure Arnica over which apply a
roller Keeping the Thighs Secured in Contact
together. "The patient May lie on either Side
but Not on her Back. Adopt Some Meand
for the purpose of facilitating the —
discharges of Stools & Lochia. "During the
first few days the dressings Must Not be
removed under any Consideration. Keep the
bandages Constantly Moist. "After the lapse
of from 6 to 10 weeks with proper diet & trea
tment a Cicatrix will have formed

"I Must Not forget to Mention the inter nal administration of Arnica, "It has a Great tendency to the formation of a New Union or Union by the first intention (as it is termed in Surgical Parlance). "The diet is highly important, "It should be light but yet Nutritious, dispense as much as possible with drinks. "After Labour is Completed an Exertion takes place from the Mouths of the "Uterine vessels per Vagina, this discharge is termed the Lochia. Which may be Changed in quality or quantity as a general rule however it gradually diminishes in the Course of a few days ceases entirely. "In case it becomes suppressed produced by a chill or Cold & there is fever present give Aconite, "If accompanied with Colic Diarhoea "Nervous pains & febrile heat give "Bell & Cham & Dulc. particularly Bell when there is Congestion present

"Diseases "Consequent "Upon "Labour

Under this Head may be Classed Hemorrhages which may be arranged under two different Kinds Viz. Internal & External, Of the two the internal is Most dangerous More on account of its Obscurity perhaps than any thing else & Consequently More difficult to recognize in the Early Stage. Among the Causes May be Enumerated — "Uterine "Congestion; "Convulsions; "Rupture of the "Placenta "Uterina "Attachment (before the proper period) which is Constructed principally of Blood Vessels; Some of the prominent Symptoms of Internal Hemorrhage are "Sensation of Weight & painful tension in the Head & Uterus. Buzzing & Ringing in the Ears "Giddiness, "Fainting; "Skin Cold & Clammy Pulse grows weak & feeble (& If not Checked Coma Sets in; "Nature gives way & the Patient Expires from Extreme debility & Exhaustion

In Some Cases however the Patient rallies for a Short time. Only to go through the Same Scene. & So on she may pass through Several attacks. one Succeeding the other. & according to Circumstances. She May Survive or Perish. "External" Hemorrhages are of Course more Easily recognized & Consequently Checked with less difficultty & danger. The Course to be persued as in all. Such Cases must be prompt & efficient." Upon the appearance of Hemorrhage. Arnica is the first Remedy. & Puls. the next. "If there be Convulsions present give. "Stram & Hyos. If the Patient has lost Much blood. is feeble pale & Exhausted. & is Sinking. give "Secale" Or When Hemorrhage takes place before Labour is Completed. give. Puls & Secale. these two Remedies will assist & even promote Labour as well as to Check Hemorrhages. In desperate Cases the Medicines Should be repeated every 5 Minutes. or So.

according to Circumstances; Should there be "Vaginal" Hernia present to such an Extent as to obstruct & interfere with the Childs progress "Nux is indicated. "For "Prolapses," Umbilicalis give "Puls & "For Swelling of the "Vaginal" Canal or Vulva give "Merc. Sol. & "Thuya

Chapter 14th

The Breasts increase in Size & Bulk, Capacity & Hardness from the beginning to the End of Pregnancy, These are often the Seat of very painful & dangerous diseases. Such as inflammation terminating generally in Abscess or if there be a predisposition to it "Scirrhous &c; "Frequently the flow of Milk is prevented owing to an obstruction in Some of the Milk ducts from one Cause or another. "If upon applying the Child Milk does Not flow give "Puls "Kalo "Dulc.

. If fever be present that will be best Combatted with Aconite. Croserio recommends. —
Agnus Castus which in his hands has proved
. successful in numerous Cases. The tincture
. of Asafoetida. has also been highly extolled
. "If the Milk be altered in quality & does not
. afford sufficient. Nourishment to the Child
"Cal" Carb & Sulph. will generally. have a good
effect. Should the Child refuse the Milk give
"more" Vinus. The Nipples are likewise
frequently the Seat of disease; In some
Cases they are not prominent Enough to
allow the Child to grasp them. Such a
Condition Can only be removed by the
use of Artificial Means." Viz the prepared
. Calves Tit & c. At other times the Nipples
may be the Seat of painful Excoriations &c
producing. much. Suffering. Debility & render
ing Suction intolerable. "Local applications
"Arnica" Tincture & the internal — — — —

administration of "Calc. "Lycop. & "Sulph will Generally have the desired Effect. If there be Simply inflammation present with out any Complications then give "Cham. or "Ignat

"Mammary "Abscess.

"Of the many & numerous diseases to which the lying in Woman is predisposed there is None More painful & debilitating in its effects upon the Nervous System than this form of Abscess. "Some of the predisposing & Exciting Causes are Sudden Cold Obstructing the papillary orifices of the Milk ducts this producing irritation. "Mechanical Violence or Injury &c. "The Symptoms are "Fever "Chills "dryness of the Skin Coated tongue Lancinating Tearing pains in the Gland & Surrounding tissues accompanied with Red & Erysipelatous state of the parts Shining & Glazed Surface &c. "by the internal

, administration of Aconite & allowing the Child to use the breasts before the disease has set in. the progress of the Complaint is frequently arrested. The efforts on the Childs part to suck acts as a Stimulent & clears the obstructed passages thus allowing the Milk a free Exit. If there be tens ive burning pains - give "Bry. but if Expi pelations. symptoms are present give "Bell. "For threatening Suppuration. which is known by Rigors Chills &c. "Hepar. "Silicea & "Rhusth are indicated. "Silicea Especially. when fistulous openings have been or are about to be formed.

Chapter 15th

"Puerperal" Fever

This disease appears after Labour. Many times in the form of an Epidemic & attacks only the Lying in Woman. (Hence its Name) & is Confined Entirely to the period Succeeding Labour. There is Much Obscurity as regards the Cause & Origin of "Puerperal" Fever. (Commonly termed "Child Bed" Fever.) & There is No one disease in the whole Category of Medicine to which the female is predisposed that is More difficult to treat Successfully than this. which is probably owing to the above Stated fact viz. Little or Nothing is Known respecting its Cause & origin; There are however two important facts to be observed & which are generally if Not always present & attendant on this disease viz. "Fever & "Abdominal "Inflammation it has long been (in fact is yet) a Mooted Question! Which of the two produces the other

Or in other Words whether the fever produces the Inflammation or "Vice" "Versa. It May or May Not be (but generally is) very insidious in its appearance. the 3rd or 4th day is the Average period at which it appears "I have previously remarked this affection is very difficult to treat with Success. If this be the Case under Homoeopathic treatment. Much More is it so under Allopathic Treatment. In the Hotel Dieu at Paris during an Epidemic — which prevailed there Some few years Since. 3/4 of the Patients attacked with this Malady died. "At "Edinburg! "Leeds "Sunderland & many other European Cities it has likewise Made "Sad "Havoc "In the "Westminster "Lying in — "Hospital at London the ravages were So great at one time that the "Authorities were Compelled to bury Six in one Coffin for the purpose,

of Concealing from the Public, the Extent of Mortality. "In Many Villages & Towns it has been no less fatal in proportion." one of the peculiarities of this disease is it may appear to be confined to particular Wards of Hospitals, while at the same time other portions of the building will be Exempt." Another Most Singular Coincidence is it may prevail in the practice of one Physician while others in the same Neighborhood in Close proximity may be Exempt from it. I recollect hearing of an instance Connected with a Case in which a Physician travelled the distance of 30 Miles from where he had it Existing at that time in his own immediate practice, to this distant place. Nevertheless he Carried it with him (undoubtedly) & communicated it to the patient he Called to see thus proving it to be Contagious & that there is Some peculiar Miasm or Poisonous —

Malaria Connected with it. Mysteriously & Noxious to the "Female "System. Communicable by Contact (or otherwise). likewise in itself Mysterious, "The Symptoms are "Rigors followed by heat. "full. hard pulse. "occasional vomiting. "Suppression of the Milk! "Respiration quick! "General & excessive debility! "There is also Great pain & tenderness over the Entire Abdominal region Accompanied with tumidity; "The Countenance assumes a distressed Appearance! "Tongue is Coated. & White, This is termed the acute Stage. "Should the disease be Not arrested at this point the 2nd Stage follows which is Known & Characterized by a diminution of the pains! "Abdomen however remains tumid & distended! "Pulse increases in rapidity becomes Smaller Countenance Sinks! Breathing Still remains quick & Hurried; "the patient lies on her Back with the thighs flexed, this Stage Continues

from 4 to 6 days. The 3rd Stage will be known by the Respiration increasing in Rapidity! Pulse becomes Small & Quicker! Countenance Sunken & Pallid! Pains in the Abdomen Almost disappeart! Distention Still remains! Delirium Sets in & death results. The Allopath resorts to the free & bold use of the Lancet (especially during the first Stage) together with Purgatives! Fomentations! Emetics! Stimulents! Narcotics &c. Such treatment to an honest & Self thinking Mind Can only in fact Should be denounced & Condemned in the Strongest terms. Homoeopathy adopts a far Safer & more Natural & Reasonable Method before however going farther Let us Compare Statistical Reports of the two Schools Respectively. Under Allopathic Treatment the fatality averages from 6 to 20 per Cent while under Homoeopathic

it is from 15 to 20 per Cent. The treatment of Puerperal Fever, requires strict attention on part of the Physician & Nurse. So, that the premonitory Symptoms may be recognized at an early period. When taken thus. Success is more favourable & Certain. Aconite our great Antiphlogistic & deservedly so, Called. Sheet Anchor, will produce a very happy effect if properly administered during the early Stage & while the fever is high. In Case the disease advances & abdominal Symptoms present themselves give Bell. Bry. Cham Each according to its respective Symptoms. When the pains are insupportable attended with Colic Diarrhoea give Colyc. Merc, Sol & Arsenicum are valuable Remedies when Inflammation Continues & Symptoms of Effusion into the Peritoneal Sack are present. When the Lochia has been Suddenly suppressed accompanied with fainting Hot & dry

Skin & fear of Death give "Nux. "Rhus. "Tox. should be given in the Early Stages ; Especially when the Lochia is bloody & the fever partakes of a Typhoid Character. The Stomach under this disease Can Support Nothing ! but if the Patient has much thirst "Ice "Water may be given if Vomiting Still Continues Small pieces of Ice administered at intervals has often a very happy Effect. the Stomach will frequently retain this when it will Nothing Else. Absolute rest & quietness must be Strictly Enforced it is highly Essential. The Chamber Should be dimly lighted. Temperature Moderate & the Room Should be frequently Aired & Ventilated

"Puerperal

"Mania & "Convulsions. 62

"Chapter 16th

"These two Conditions are Met with Sometimes after "Labour. Singly or Complicated with the fever. It is Not My intention to dwell at any length or Comment upon this Subject but will Merely remark that the Medicines required under this Head will be found under that of "Puerperal "Fever with the Exception of one remedy, viz. "Veratrume, this has been highly spoken of by our Late professor "Dr. "Ward.

"Phlegmasia "Alba "Dolens

"The Next disease to which the "Lying in "Woman is predisposed is Known under the above title or in Common parlance "White "Swelling or "Milk "Leg this Complaint however Strictly Speaking is Not Confined to Pregnancy but may be the result of Injury &c It Can be truly said that this is one of the most Stubborn

deceptive diseases which the Physician has to contend against. "Your patient to all External appearances may seem to be well but upon Examination the Pulse will be found very much accelerated & bounding without any further precursory Symptoms one or both of the Extremities Commence to Swell attended with pain which is generally confined to one part "the most Common Seat is the Calf of the leg!" "Sometimes the Thigh or "Groin. "Chills & Rigors follow!" "Bowels are Clay Coloured!" "Tongue furred!" "Skin hot & dry! these Symptoms Continue for the space of 10 to 12 Hours." This is Known as the first Stage" 2nd Stage is ushered in with Swelling & Inflammation at the Seat of pain presenting a Shining & glazed Surface very white in Colour (Hence the Name "White Swelling) to the touch the Surface of this Swelling presents a Sensation of Small irregularities pitting

upon pressure. The Lochia are suppressed!
"There is loss of appetite with general Constitutional Symptoms. Should the disease still progress then the 3rd Stage Sets in which is known & characterized by a subsidance of the "Pulse; "Pain; & "Heat; however much Constitutional debility still remains "the limb Can Now be handled without the Patient Experiencing much or in fact in some Cases any pain at all. the term of action remains & as recovery takes place the limb gradually attains Somewhat of its original Size & Shape. Not unfrequently however the use of the limb becomes entirely destroyed. especially if the disease attacks the Joints. "Some of the principle remedies are. "Bell. "Rhus. "Acon "Bry & Puls.
"For drawing lacerating pains in the Hip Extending down the thigh & leg. Sometimes as far as the foot. I give. "Bry. "If the pain be

tearing with a Sensation as if the parts were bruised accompanied with drawing & weight, (Especially in the left thigh.) give "Bell.." When the parts are Surrounded with Red Areolar. & are Extremely Sensitive to the touch particularly if accompanied with Uterine derangement, "Puls is indicated. When the disease threatens to become Phlegmonous give Arsenicum.

"Chapter 17th"

"The Uterus.! Vagina & Ovaries! are Not unfrequently the Seat of abnormal growths. Such as "Polypus.! Cauliflower. Excressences! "Scirrhous!" "Hydatids!" "Fungus Haematodes &c, "Many of these unnatural growths may be hereditary & any of them may be acquired." as far as Labour is Concerned they act as obstructions to the passage of the Foetus & as Regards the Mothers health they

are More or less debilitating & depressing.—
"In many Cases they are Extremely difficult
to treat Successfully, by either Surgical
or Medicinal means. "If an obstruction
Exists during Labour to a Sufficient Extent
as to prevent the Foetus from Coming
through it Must be removed immediately
provided it Can be done without Sacrificing
the Mothers life. "Cancer is never brought
about unless there Exists in the Patient Some
Hereditary taint or Predisposition to it
."It is looked upon & Considered by Many to
be one of the Most frightful & dreadful
Maladies to which the Human Race is
Subjected. "It May appear in different
places & in different forms as a general
rule Cancer is found Most Commonly in
the Mammae or Uterus. of the two situa
tions the "Scirrhous" Utere is the Most form
idable More on account of its obscurity

perhaps than anything else. Nothing in the way of Medical treatment thus far has proved of any avail. "Although many Cases are have been recorded to be cured, In the Early Stages the principle remedy which has been used from time immemorial (almost) is Arsenic. "Extirpation has been resorted by Some Surgeons but this acts only as a palliative & Serves to prolong the Patients Sufferings. "Dr. "Pancoast of the Jefferson College Notoriety. Reports professes to have Cured 2 or 3 Cases. (if not More). — Successfully by the Knife." My humble opinion is that when once this disease becomes fairly seated in the System that Eradication is an utter impossibility & Sooner or later the Patient will have to Succomb to the Disease, there are Some in the profession who Mantain & believe — Scirrhous to be Curable while the Majority

If I mistake not are of the opposite opinion
Scirrhous may generate from Inflamma
tion when there is a predisposition to it
much. I believe however Can be done tow
ards alleviating the Patients Sufferings by
the proper Medicinal treatment Making
their final End one of Comfort ease Comp
aratively speaking: Scirrhous may exist
a long time in the uterus before being
discovered. Some of our principle Rem
edies are "Ars "Bell. "Merc. "Sepia "Conium
"Cal. "Carb. "Hepar &c. The Symptoms of
Scirrhous in Utero are a Sense of weight
bearing down with burning in the Vagina
Epigastrium a discharge of Cream like
pus. very foetid ichorous Sanguineous in
its character The pains are of a darting
lancinating Nature as if Needles were
piercing the parts the pains are not
Alleviated any upon lying down but are

rather increased. & Worse at Night. Sometimes Motion has a tendency to lessen (Slightly) the pains. there is an apthous Condition of the Mouth & Throat. the Cervix is generally the most Common location when it attacks the Uterus. which is of course Extremely painful tender to the touch. Dysury is sometimes present. as the disease advances the ulceration Spreads involving the Rectum & Bladder. Consequently involuntary discharges of Urine & feces follows. "Blood vessels are laid open. Hemorhage sets in & the patient faints. & to all appearances becomes lifeless. the Hemorhage ceases. & the patient rallies but only for a short time, until another attack follows. & so on the patient may go through Several Sieges. finally a Comatose state sets in & death Ensues amid the most Excruciating agony. "When follicular inflammation.

is present. it may be known by the nature of the discharge which is of a greenish yellow. "Cauli flower" Excrescences! Polypus! Hydatids & the other forms of Tumours are often removed with perfect success. one thing is remarkable about the Polypus & Hydatid forms. "If on operating for removal the smallest portion is left remaining the tumour will reproduce itself.

"Displacements of the Uterus frequently take place & are frequently the Cause of Sterility & likewise of Engendering diseases of different kinds. "The Symptoms of Displacement are a Sense of Heat weight & bearing down in the Uterus & unless Accompanied with Some other abnormal Condition there is no pain present.

It Never having been required of me before to Execute any thing of this Kind Consequently. Not knowing the Customary Method of drawing to a Close (or in Common parlance "Adding the finishing touch") I shall Conclude by Hoping that all due Allowances will be Granted for whatever imperfections & deficiencies the Article May Contain. I ascribe Myself

"Very "Respectfully "Yours

"C. "Henry. "von "Hagen

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